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EFFECTIVELY TARGETING AND MOBILIZING SUB-CULTURES OF BLACK YMSM COMMUNITIES.

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WHAT IS THE M.O.V.E. PROJECT?

(Men Of Virtue And Excellence)

- M.O.V.E. is an initiative that targets high risk LGBTQ youth
- Identify subgroups of the LGBTQ community
- Provides one on one, group and community level activities
- M.O.V.E. provides outreach/recruitment, education and awareness, counseling, mentoring, and referral as needed



OBJECTIVES

By the end of this presentation you will be able to:

- Identify, recognize, & classify Black YMSM sub-groups
- Locate social activities the LGBTQ sub-groups frequent
- Execute social media and community mobilization strategies to attract different sub-groups
- Proper Terminologies for each sub-group (culturally acceptable)



TARGETED DEMOGRAPHICS

- 13-24 yr. old LGBTQ individuals
- High Risk MSMs
- LGBTQ Social Groups

Underground Ballroom/House/Kiki Sub-Group

Identifying: Importance is placed largely on the emphasis of:

- Names: Derived From Fashion Houses, Notable Social figures
- Regional Participation/Interest Meetings/Social Media Groups
- Mother/Father/Founder
- Trans Influence
- Venues

Pageant Families Sub-Group

- Different Systems (National, Local, Club, Preliminary)
- Entertainers
- Yearly Events
- Names: Derived from Aristocratic Families
- Large Drag Community (produce large number of transitions MTF)

Athletic (Gym) Sub-Group

- Venues of Congregation
- Social Media Groups
- Pride Attendees

Church Sub-Group

- Churches, Choirs, Ministers,
- Reparative Therapy Victim, Mental Health Issues

Trans (Fem-Queen) vs Drag (Queen) Sub-Group

- Transition Ages
- Hormone Therapy (Legal and Illegal)
- Post vs. Pre-Op, FTM, MTF, Fem-Queen, Trans-man
- Integrated in Ballroom and Pageant
- High Levels of Escorting



Social Media, Activities, & Community Mobilization Attraction

These social tools, activities, and external influences aid in the location and identification of sub-groups:

- Ballroom and Pageant Activities
- Alliance Participation
- Ballroom Throwbacks
- Scandal Watch Parties
- Family Game Nights
- Focus Groups
- We Stand Together & It's Ok To Be Me Movement



Key Points:

- Smaller Scale Events Only Attract Certain Demographics
- Ballroom <u>CONNECTS</u> Every Sub-Group Listed
- Most Activities Happen in Club Settings In Mid-Morning (Between 4am-6am)
- Attract National Participation and Travel
- Participation Begins as Early as 13 years old
- Agencies and Workers Must Establish Relationships Based on Friendship and Not Business/Services

TRENDS

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE TRENDS

- Risky behaviors increased through participation without guidance at young age
- Involvement in LGBTQ Social Groups at significantly younger ages
- Finding the cause of Social, Mental, Physical, Drug, and Psychosexual abuse
- Identifying at risk LGBTQ youth
- Expansion of Cultural Competence with schools, society, and other agencies
- Bullying
- Discovery of New Party and Hangout Spots
- Identifying New Cultural Lingo and Jargon

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